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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

By H. W. LONGFELLOW.

Under a spreading chestnut tree,
The sun sets dimly through the clouds.
With lance and shielded hand;
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.

His hair is crisp, and black, and long,
His face is like the sun;
His brow is wet with honest sweat,
He earns whatever he can;
And looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes nothing man.

Woke in, weak out, from shore till night,
You can hear his hollow rote;

You can hear him sing the heavy rhyme,

With measured beat and slow,

Like a sexton ringing the village bell,

When the evening sun is low.

And children coming home from school,

Look in at the open door;

They love to see the dancing forge,

And hear the bellows roar;

And catch the burning sparks that fly

Like chaff from a threshing floor.

He goes, on Sundays to the church,

And singing his hymns,

He hears the parson pray and preach,

And hears his daughter's voice

Singing in the village choir;

And makes his heart rejoice.

It sounds to him like her mother's voice,

Singing in Paradise!

He needs must think of her once more,

How in the grave she lies;

And with his hand, holds her wimples,

A tear out of his eyes.

True, holding, resisting, bearing,

Forward through life he goes,

Each morning sees some task begin,

Each evening sees it close;

Some thing attempted, something done,

Has earned a girl's repose.

Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,

For the lesson thou hast taught!

Now at the flinting forge of life,

Our fortunes must be wrought;

On the sounding anvil shaped,

Each buring-dead and shaped!

—

The Dying Christian to his Son.

One spark of heavenly flame;

Quit, quit, this mortal frame;

Trailing, halting, staggering, flying;

Through, the pain, the ilness of dying;

Please, God, Nature, ease thy strife,

And let me languish into life.

Hark, they whisper, come away,

Sister spirit, come away;

What to this abodes me quite?

Steals my senses, shuts my sight;

Leaves my spirit, draws my breath;

Tell me, my soul, can this be death?

The world recedes! it disappears!

Heaven opens on my eye, my ear,

With sounds so appalling;

Earth, lend your wings! I mount! — Oh!

O grave! where thy victory!

O death! where is thy sting?

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Fingernail.

SUBSTANCE
OF THE REMARKS OF

M. JAMES P. BOYCE.

On the Bill "to Provide for a Guarantee by

the State of the Bonds of the Confederate

States," passed in the House of Repre-

sents, January 28th, 1863, providing an

increase of the amount of her guarantee of

Confederate Bonds.

Mr. Speaker proposed to addressee the

House briefly on this bill, to show the rea-

sons why it was presented in place of the

one passed in December last.

The principle of the two bills is the same

— they are intended to meet the evils of a

depreciated and redundant currency. The

former bill, the guaranty of the State

upon her proportionate share of two

hundred millions of dollars, upon the con-

dition that the bonds should be sold to the

highest bidder, and that at equal bids, the

State and her citizens should have the pre-

ference for the bonds endorsed over any

other party. The present bill omits these

provisions, and offers absolutely a guaranty

of her proportionate share of a larger

amount—five hundred million—upon the

same basis of representation as before, save

the representation of Kentucky and

Missouri omitted in the calculation.

The most important difference is that the

amount is increased. When the other

party's estimate was made only of the

theirs existing debt, — but since then

the basis of the report of the Secretary of

the Treasury shows what will be our debt

for January, 1864, there will be about double

the amount of the original estimate.

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